

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The claims have also been amended to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

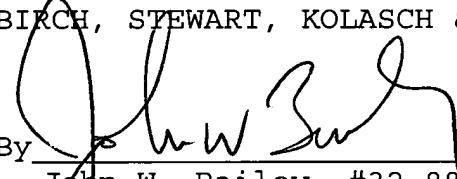
Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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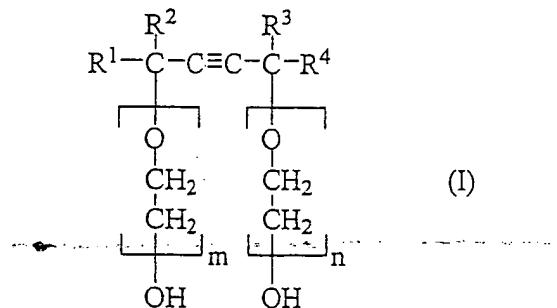
VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

The specification has been amended to provide cross-referencing to the International Application.

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The thermosetting water-based resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 3]claim 1 or 2, further comprising a compound having two or more radical-polymerizable unsaturated bonds.

6. (Amended) The thermosetting water-based resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 5]claim 1 or 2, further comprising an acetylene glycol compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup> is independently a linear alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms and a branched alkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms; and each of m and n is an integer of 0 or more.

7. (Amended) The thermosetting water-based resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 6]claim 1 or 2, further comprising a wax.

8. (Amended) The thermosetting water-based resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 7]claim 1 or 2, wherein the polycondensation resin has a saponification value of from 150 to 750 mg KOH/g.

12. (Amended) The process according to [any one of claims 9 to 11]claim 9 or 10, wherein the polycondensation resin has a saponification value of from 150 to 750 mg KOH/g.

13. (Amended) A molding compound composition comprising the water-based resin composition of [any one of claims 1 to 8]claim 1 or 2.